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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--August 1985

## I. GENERAL

The whirlwind visits of Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy on 13-15 August, and again on 17-18 August after stops in Tel Aviv and Cairo, kept all in the embassy hopping. The continuing high level of interest in all permutations of the Mideast "peace process," particularly as concerns Jordan and the Palestinians, was again brought to the fore.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Iraqi Air Force claimed it "completely destroyed" Iran's oil terminal on Khark Island during a 15 August raid. The claim was called into question by the Iraqis themselves when they followed up with two subsequent bombing attacks which, according to Baghdad's Voice of the Masses radio, were meant to obstruct efforts to repair the damage caused by the first raid.

2. According to the Beirut newspaper AL-SHARQ, cited by Radio Monte Carlo, the Syrian, Iranian and Libyan foreign ministers discussed possible purchases of nuclear weapons "to confront the Israeli nuclear threat." This came in the joint statement issued after the 24-25 August meetings in Damascus.

3. Information copies of the bureau's list of agreed translations of terminology used in Iraqi military communiques were pouched to NEAD, Gulf and London Bureaus.

### B. Special Services

1. Bureau Technician [ ] replaced the printer on the ponyline to the embassy Political Section with a modified one to handle five-ply paper to meet the greater demands during Secretary Murphy's visit. The extra copies of incoming material were given to the Murphy delegation for briefing packages.

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C. Technical

STAT Bureau received one IBM PC system, with related software and two Epson printers. The system was set up, tested and adjusted by [redacted] Bureau will be borrowing another IBM system from an AID officer so we will have the requisite number for the computer training by CRW contractor scheduled to begin on 15 September.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

STAT Electronic Technician [redacted] received a PSI effective 4 August, to FBN 9/10.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

Att: Monthly Production Report

## JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

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|   |         |
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| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:         | 156,750 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:     | 35,850  |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 632     |

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|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: | BROAD-CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLICATIONS |
| -----                          |             |                |              |
| (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)   | 6320        | 13470          | 73           |

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

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(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

|   |       |       |      |
|---|-------|-------|------|
| CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)                       |       |       |      |
| (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN ARABIC  | 0     |       |      |
| (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN ARABIC | 0     |       |      |
| BAHRAIN   |       |       |      |
| MANAMA WAKH IN ARABIC                             |       | 0     |      |
| FRANCE  |       |       |      |
| PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN ARABIC                 | 3250  |       |      |
| PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN ARABIC                      |       |       | 230  |
| PARIS AL-NATAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC                |       |       | 3340 |
| IRAQ  |       |       |      |
| BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN ARABIC             | 18660 |       |      |
| BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN ARABIC                    | 11300 |       |      |
| BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC                | 1530  |       |      |
| BAGHDAD INA IN ARABIC                             |       | 17750 |      |
| BAGHDAD INA IN ENGLISH                            |       | 140   |      |
| BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN ARABIC                   |       |       | 0    |
| BAGHDAD AL-THAWRAH IN ARABIC                      |       |       | 0    |
| ISRAEL  |       |       |      |
| JERUSALEM IN ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD             | 2500  |       |      |
| JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN ARABIC                       |       |       | 1340 |

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|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN                |       | 330   |
| ARABIC                              |       |       |
| JERUSALEM AL-SHA'B IN               |       | 660   |
| ARABIC                              |       |       |
| JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN             |       | 300   |
| ARABIC                              |       |       |
| JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN             |       | 0     |
| ARABIC                              |       |       |
| JORDAN                              |       |       |
| AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN           |       |       |
| ARABIC                              | 12120 |       |
| AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN         |       |       |
| ARABIC                              | 4760  |       |
| AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN         |       |       |
| ENGLISH                             | 200   |       |
| AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN                  |       |       |
| ARABIC                              |       | 1400  |
| AMMAN AL-BUSTUR IN                  |       |       |
| ARABIC                              |       | 2560  |
| AMMAN AKHDAR AL-USBU' IN            |       |       |
| ARABIC                              |       | 0     |
| AMMAN AL-RA'Y IN                    |       |       |
| ARABIC                              |       | 4560  |
| AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN         |       |       |
| ENGLISH                             |       | 480   |
| AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN               |       |       |
| ENGLISH                             |       | 3090  |
| AMMAN SAUT AL-SHA' B IN             |       |       |
| ARABIC                              |       | 1360  |
| LEBANON                             |       |       |
| MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN |       |       |
| ARABIC                              | 2190  |       |
| SUDAN                               |       |       |
| KHARTOUM SUNA IN                    |       |       |
| ARABIC                              |       | 12410 |
| KHARTOUM SUNA IN                    |       |       |
| ENGLISH                             |       | 13470 |
| SYRIA                               |       |       |
| DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN        |       |       |
| ARABIC                              | 25210 |       |
| DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN      |       |       |
| ARABIC                              | 3870  |       |
| DAMASCUS SANA IN                    |       |       |
| ARABIC                              |       | 7640  |